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Applicants: Manfred Heinritz et al.  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 26, 2004 ("Notice"), please amend the application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.